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FROM AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA

E.O. 11652: NA

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SUBJECT: NEW SHIPYARDS FOR EGYPT

REF: ALEXANDRIA A001 DATED 10 JAN 75 (NOTAL)

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS SAY SWEDISH SHIPYARD INTERESTS HAVE RECENTLY VISITED ALEXANDRIA TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE JOINT VENTURE IN SHIPBUILDING LOCALLY WITH RECENTLY ESTABLISHED ALEXANDRIA SHIPPING AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

2. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION FEBRUARY 16, COMPANY MANAGING DIRECTOR ISMAIL SAID HIS COMPANY HAS BEEN LICENSED BY GOE, UNDER NEW "OPEN DOOR" ECONOMIC POLICY, TO CONSTRUCT TWO SHIPYARDS, ONE AT ALEXANDRIA AND ONE AT SUEZ. WHILE HE HAS UNDERTAKEN SOME PRELIMINARY TALKS WITH SWEDISH INTERESTS, HE WOULD WELCOME US PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROJECT.

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3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH ISMAIL HAD EARLIER COMPLAINED THAT GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS IN COMPETITION WITH HIS SHIPPING FIRM WERE "UNFAIRLY OBSTRUCTING" HIS EFFORTS AT FREE ENTERPRISE (REFAIR), IN THESE LATEST DISCUSSIONS HE HAS BEEN BYOYANTLY OPTIMISTIC AGAIN, SAYING THAT HE IS NOW GETTING GOOD COOPERATION FROM THE MINISTRY OF MARITIME TRANSPORT AND GOE COMMERCIAL BODIES.

4. WTDR ON ALEXANDRIA SHIPPING IN CAIRO 0194.
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